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EPA File No. 18R-15-R5

Lisa Bonnett, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Office Box 19276,
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: Voluntary Withdrawal of Administrative Complaint

Dear Ms. Bonnett:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is in receipt of a letter from the Complainant dated August 25, 2015, requesting a voluntary withdrawal of EPA complaint (No. 18R-15-R5), received on July 23, 2015. It is our understanding that the request is based on the findings, responsive measures and commitments as contained in the Illinois EPA's July 2, 2015 Environmental Justice Grievance Investigative Report and Resolution. See www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice/grievances/index.

Pursuant to the Complainant's request, OCR is administratively closing the complaint with prejudice and will consider this matter as resolved. If you have any questions, please contact Samuel Peterson of my staff at (202) 564-5393 or via e-mail at peterson.samuel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Velveta Golightly-Howell", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Velveta Golightly-Howell
Director
Office of Civil Rights

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